

State of Tennessee Department of State

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April 21, 2008

Mr. Glenn Marshall 5533 J. Riley West Drive Greenback, Tennessee 37742

RE: TITLE III HAVA COMPLAINT

Mr. Marshall,

Our office received your Title III HAVA Complaint on February 21, 2008. According to Section 402 of Title IV of the Help America Vote Act (hereinafter HAVA), each state must establish a state-based administrative complaint procedure. Pursuant to that section, the Coordinator of Elections or designee must determine if a violation of Title III has occurred. A violation of Title III includes the following categories:

- voting systems standards
- provisional voting
- voter information requirements
- computerized statewide voter registration list
- accessibility for individuals with disabilities

Your complaint addresses the awkwardness of the voting machine. For there to be a Title III violation as it relates to the voting systems it must be in the standards set out in the Act. All voting systems must allow the voter to verify the votes selected prior to casting the ballot and allow the voter to change or correct any errors before the ballot is cast. Although your complaint states that you had difficulty making corrections, there is no allegation that the machine did not provide you the opportunity to make corrections.

Since your complaint does not fall within one of the Title III categories, the complaint procedure states that if no violation of Title III is found the complaint must be dismissed. Therefore, this complaint will be dismissed as it relates to a Title III violation.

You also filed a general complaint containing the same information. A written response to the general complaint will be mailed to you within the next fourteen (14) days.

If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

Brook K. Thompson Coordinator of Elections

Cc: Libby Breeding, Blount County Election Commission